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In re Application of:)
 West et al.)
 Serial No. 09/653,406) Art Unit: 1615
 Filed: September 1, 2000) Examiner: Fubara, Blessing M.
 For: Nitric Oxide-Producing Hydrogel)
 Materials)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

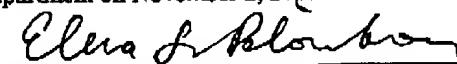
In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 6, 2005, a four-month period for response to which expires November 7, 2005, because November 6, 2005, falls on a Sunday, applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as follows and reconsideration of the claims based upon the amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to expire on November 7, 2005, to file a Response to the Non-Final Office Action. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and Form PTO-2038 authorizing the charge of the fee for a one-month extension of time are enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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